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SUBJECT : UAE TO FINANCE ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY IN OMAN

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON JANUARY 9, UAE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
SHAIKH HAMDAN AND OMANI COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER UNDERSECRETARY
SALIM BIN NASIR AL BUSAIDI SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE UAEG TO
FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 82 MILE ROAD THAT WILL LINK IBRI TO NIZWA
IN OMAN. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST IS \$32 MILLION WHICH UAEG WILL FUND.
NEW HIGHWAY IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 30 MONTHS.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. NEW ROAD, WHICH WILL BE FINANCED BY A UAEG
GRANT, WILL BE AN EXTENSION OF ROAD FROM AL AIN IN UAE TO IBRI WHICH
UAE
PREVIOUSLY FINANCED. UAE ALSO FINANCING COST OF SEPARATE 70
MILE AL AIN TO SOHAR ROAD, WHEN BOTH LINKS ARE COMPLETED,
UAE WILL HAVE THREE ACCESS WAYS TO INTERIOR OF OMAN
(COASTAL ROAD FROM FUJAIRAH ALREADY BUILT AND IS PRESENTLY
MOST COMMONLY USED ROAD FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC).

3. LATEST PROJECT IS IN ADDITION TO UAE BUDGET SUPPORT
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FOR OMAN GOVERNMENT WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$30 MILLION IN
1976 PLUS A PLEDGE BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID TO PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION IN AID TO OMAN DURING HIS LAST
VISIT TO MUSCAT. AN UNDERTERMINED PORTION OF THIS ADDITIONAL
\$100 MILLION WAS TO BE DISBURSED IN LATE 1976 IF UAE FOREIGN AID
BUDGET COULD AFFORD IT, WITH BALANCE TO COME OUT OF 1977 FOREIGN
AID FUNDS. THIS UAE ASSISTANCE IS REFLECTION OF SHAIKH ZAYID'S

CONTINUED INTEREST IN SUPPORTING OMANI DEVELOPMENT AND THEREBY
PROVIDING SOME SECURITY FOR UAE'S BACKYARD.
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